



# WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR NH SCHOOLS?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the replacement for the law commonly known as No Child Left Behind, provides the state and all NH schools with a chance to sharpen our collective vision for education and improve, innovate and strengthen our public schools.

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) wants all of our stakeholders to join in this critical discussion by sharing ideas on what is most important to improve student learning and how the state can best support schools to serve the needs of all students.

**Please join us at one of our upcoming public forums or complete our online survey to tell us your vision for the New Hampshire Public Schools.**



## JOIN US ON OUR REGIONAL LISTENING TOUR

**November 1 (6-7:30 pm)**  
Community Auditorium at  
Moultonborough  
Academy (25 Blake Road)

**November 3 (6-7:30 pm)**  
Keene High School  
(43 Arch Street)

**November 7 (6-7:30 pm)**  
North Country Education  
Services in Gorham  
(300 Gorham Hill Rd.)

**November 9 (6-7:30 pm)**  
Seacoast Professional  
Development Center in  
Exeter (30 Linden St.)

**November 10 (6-7:30 pm)**  
Merrimack High School  
(38 McElwain St.)

**November 15 (6-7:30 pm)**  
NH Department of  
Education, Room 15 in  
Concord (101 Pleasant St.)

## CAN'T JOIN US?

Complete our survey instead  
– we still want to hear from  
you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT6BFML>

For more information email  
[ESSAcomments@doe.nh.gov](mailto:ESSAcomments@doe.nh.gov)



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015, replacing No Child Left Behind. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's K-12 education law and longstanding commitment to equitable opportunity for all students. The law encourages states and schools to innovate, while at the same time maintaining an emphasis on state and local systems of improvement and strengthening a more balanced accountability system.

The signing of ESSA provides New Hampshire an incredible opportunity to refine our collective vision for education. The New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) is encouraging all stakeholders to have a discussion and provide input regarding what we expect for our education system; what school characteristics are most important to improve student learning; and what measures of school quality or student success should be included in the state's accountability system. The NH DOE also wants to hear from stakeholders concerning the best ways for the state to support schools to serve the needs of all students.

In an effort to provide many opportunities to gather public input, the **NH DOE has offered a survey** (found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT6BFML>) to gather input from New Hampshire citizens about what they value in their educational system. This survey will be open until October 31, 2016. In addition, **the NH DOE will be having a listening tour in six communities** around our state. Please see the information below for dates and locations. The two objectives for the Regional Listening Tour include:

- Providing an high-level overview of the purpose of ESSA; and
- Gathering input for a collective vision of education to help guide our work at the Department of Education and the development a *New Hampshire State Accountability and Support Plan* required in the law.

We do hope that you will consider filling out the survey, attending one of the tour sites (see below), or both. We appreciate your time in being a part of our stakeholder engagement efforts which is critical to a high quality educational system. If you have any questions regarding the survey or listening tour, please email [ESSAcomments@doe.nh.gov](mailto:ESSAcomments@doe.nh.gov).

REGIONAL LISTENING TOUR		
Date	Location	Address
Tuesday, November 1 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Moultonborough (Lakes)	Community Auditorium at Moultonborough Academy 25 Blake Road Moultonborough
Thursday, November 3 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Keene (Southwest)	Keene High School 43 Arch Street Keene
Monday, November 7 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Gorham (North Country)	North Country Education Services 300 Gorham Hill Road Gorham
Wednesday, November 9 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Exeter (Southeast)	Seacoast Professional Development Center 30 Linden Street Exeter
Thursday, November 10 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Merrimack (South Central)	Merrimack High School (Little Theater) 38 McElwain Street Merrimack
Tuesday, November 15 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Concord (Central)	NH Department of Education (Room 15) 101 Pleasant Street Concord